

THE BARTON COUNTY DEMOCRAT

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GREAT BEND, KANSAS.

City and County.

A. H. Dougan, of Claflin, was in on business Saturday.

Mr. A. Schriwise, of Hoisington, was in Monday, on business.

Mr. J. Rubenstein, of St. Louis, Mo., is in the city on business.

Miss Floy Chappel retires from the millinery business this evening.

The time of rest for the carpenter and brickmason will soon be over.

Miss Floy Chappel is now behind the counters of the St. Louis Store.

W. M. Ireland moved Saturday to his residence in the west part of the city.

W. C. McCoy, of Katoopolis, Kas., has been in the city several days on business.

Commissioner Henry Schwiwer was in from Buffalo township Saturday evening.

V. S. Musil, G. W. Ashton and Joe Hulao, of Ellinwood, were in the city Friday.

H. A. Bishop is moving his stock of goods into his new quarters, on Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Brands left on Monday for their future home in Sioux City, Iowa.

Prof. Tom Reynolds' fine, Italian hand is recognized in the Hoisington Echo of last week.

J. H. Harper is papering the city book store and putting things in shape for the spring trade.

Mr. and Mrs. John Garrales, of Beaver township, were in the city Monday, on business.

Fred VanDyne, formerly with the Typer House, is now behind the registry of the Morrison.

We understand that one of our popular young bankers will soon sail on the sea of Matrimony.

G. M. Welles is the first man we have noticed in the city cultivating his shade trees this spring.

E. A. Hassler has built a tower and additional porches and awnings to his residence, on west side.

Lots of strangers on our streets, and rumors of various enterprises of importance being started.

Miss Lida Norton has returned from Larned, where she has been visiting friends for several days.

Some of the young people attended a leap year party at the residence of J. K. Humphrey, Friday night.

W. D. Napier, formerly of Hoisington but now of Ness City, was in town Saturday arranging for a stock sale.

J. S. McFarland, nephew of Ezra Williams, is in the city from Mansfield, Ohio, with a view of locating.

Miss Bernice Benedict and Miss Nina Maxwell have accepted positions in the Ladies' Bazar, on Broadway.

T. T. Rhodes and Wm. Ford have dissolved partnership in the nursery business, each taking a part of the stock.

The brick work on the west side school house has been laid, and the building is now almost ready for the roofing.

Jacob Stauffer is the happy father of a new baby boy, which arrived last Thursday, tipping the scales at ten pounds.

Ernest Benninghoven, corresponding editor of the Illinois Staats Zeitung, of Chicago, is in the city in the interest of that paper.

A good time was enjoyed by all who attended the festival last week at district No. 4. Over one hundred people were present.

Will Kelley is preparing to erect a fine residence in the south part of the city, costing \$2,000. Spencer & Spencer have the contract.

E. L. Hotchkiss, the leading attorney of Ellinwood, was in the city several days attending to his cases in the district court, last week.

By the way our streets were thronged with Ellinwood and Hoisington people Thursday, those towns must have been nearly depopulated.

O. A. Menger, of Enterprise, Kas., accompanied by his mother from Halstead, is in the city visiting with the family of Rev. J. A. Ross. Mr. Menger is a brother of Mrs. Ross.

Mrs. Comins, north side of the square, has out some neat dodgers announcing a big reduction in millinery goods.

It will pay to make every effort possible to entertain visiting strangers and show them around our beautiful city and surrounding country.

Sig Jacoby, the Hoisington lumber man, with quite a number of the other residents of our north neighbor, was in the city Saturday on business.

P. J. Hills has let the contract to Spencer & Spencer for building a \$2,500 residence on Broadway. Mr. Hills says the house will "be for rent."

A card party was given Friday night by Miss Fie Diefenbacher to a number of her friends, who remained till late in the evening, having a good time.

Mr. N. Dutton, who some time ago bought the Moffat Bros' farm, west of Great Bend, has arrived from the east and entered into his new possessions.

Dewey Langford, of the Newton Chronicle, spent Sunday with friends in Great Bend. Mrs. L. and daughter are at present visiting in Kentucky.

We understand that complaints have been made to the county commissioners about the unsafe condition of the bridge over the Walnut creek, on the Ellinwood road.

Heiko Feldkamp found a roll of bills the other day, consisting of \$67, and he soon found an owner, in the person of George Shelbourn, who was the happiest man in town.

Dr. G. Irwin Royce came in from the east Saturday, to remain among his many friends here a few days. He is still enthusiastic concerning the American Coursing Club.

John Quintal and family, of Lyons, have been in the city for the past day or two. Mr. Quintal is the plaintiff in the law-suit of Quintal vs. Barr, in the district court.

Nimocks Bros. & Sturgis were moving their law and loan office to the Willner block Monday, preparatory to pulling out the old frame building on Main and replacing it with a new brick.

Charley Chamberlin says he wants it understood that there is no such land within the corporate limits of Great Bend as "No Man's Land"—but it is Chamberlin's new addition to Great Bend.

Harry Brooker returned Saturday from quite an extended visit through Iowa. He brought with him his brother, W. H. Brooker, of Bonepart, Ia., who will probably go into business in this part of Kansas.

Editor R. A. Russell, of the Rush Center Gazette, and Messrs. Frank B. Smith and B. H. Bunn, also of that city, stopped off Saturday on their way home from attending on the supreme court in the county seat matter.

Johnnie Compton, of Clarence township, while riding a horse last week, met with an accident in which his left leg was broken just above the ankle. He was driving cattle and the horse stumbled and fell on him. Dr. Barrett reduced the fracture.

Last Friday Miss Ella Orff and Mrs. Baldwin, teachers in our city school, visited the Larned school. They report a very pleasant and profitable visit. They find the Larned school in a very prosperous condition under the able management of Prof. Fertich and his corps of accomplished teachers.

'Squire Rice, of Ness City, performed a marriage ceremony a few days ago at his office which made husband and wife of two of Barton's worthy citizens. The parties most intimately interested in the affair were Mr. A. W. West and Miss Lillie Bonham, of Albion township, and the party from whom we get our information was told not to give it away.

Nearly fifty people came over from Hoisington last week to attend the wedding of Mr. Nat Scroggins, an engineer on the Mo. Pacific, and Miss Ella Mooreland, both of that place. A free excursion came over the Mo. Pacific.

The wedding ceremony was performed in the Presbyterian church by the Rev. Mr. Thompson. After the ceremony they repaired to the Union hotel, where a bountiful table was spread. The happy couple and the rest of the party spent the remainder of the afternoon in this city, sightseeing.

The case of Toles & Co., of Kansas City, vs. Musil & Ashton, of Ellinwood, was tried in the district court Friday. The suit was about wheat purchased by the plaintiffs, which they allege was not equal to the sample shown, when it reached Kansas City. The defense, however, proved that the wheat and sample were alike, and a verdict was rendered accordingly.

Hale Cowley, of Wichita, is in the city Saturday. He has not been through this section in six years, and thinks that one who has been here before and returns is more impressed with the Arkansas Valley than any other person, for the reason he notes the improvements which have taken place. He has been all through Kansas, and says the other portions can not compare with the "Great Southwest."

Ed. Tyler, the Pioneer groceryman, sold the first bill of goods in Great Bend, which was purchased by G. N. Moses, John Tilton, "Hi" Bickerdye and Judge Morton, who were starting out on a buffalo hunt the 1st of January, 1872. Mr. Tyler kept his goods in the southeast upstairs room of the Drovers Cottage (the Southern hotel,) and the hunting party bought most all of the goods, which were billed here at \$163.00.

The directors of the Barton County Building and Loan Association have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, G. N. Moses; Vice-President, G. H. Hulme; Treasurer, D. M. Lazarus; Secretary, C. P. Townsley. The President appointed the following committees: On real estate; G. H. Hulme, Elmer Dean and Louis Zutavern; On building, C. F. Wilner, D. F. Robinson and Geo. Dunn; On finance, D. M. Lazarus, Louis Zutavern and G. H. Hulme.

Mr. T. B. Keplinger returned from Atchison Thursday. He will hereafter have charge of the Elwood & Co. dry goods and clothing establishment in this city. Mr. F. L. Keplinger, who has been the partner in charge here since the opening of the store, will leave next week, to take charge of the business of the firm at Atchison. We regret to lose Mr. F. L. Keplinger and his esteemed lady as citizens of our city, but bespeak for the firm a successful business under the management of his brother "Cap."

A large number of people were in the city from Ellinwood Thursday Friday attending the law-suit of Quintal vs. Barr. The case arose from Dr. Barr, of Ellinwood, purchasing a piece of land of one George Reece, who had mortgaged the land, prior to the sale, to Quintal, which had not been recorded. The plaintiff attempted to foreclose the mortgage, claiming that the defendant knew of its existence, which Dr. Barr denied. According to the testimony, Reece must have been a bad one. The jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff.

The teachers from this place who visited the State Normal and Public schools of Emporia Friday, unanimously report an excellent time. They speak in high praise of those institutions, and were more than delighted with their cordial reception. The visiting teachers were: Sup't. Reece, Misses R. T. Smith, Elvora Frye, Mary Palmer, Clara Allison, Edna Ivins, Mrs. Davidson, Misses Allie Bearden, Sussie Long, Linna M. Reece, Mary Rearick, Anna Rearick and Sadie Worrall. It is certainly gratifying to the patrons of our schools to know that our teachers are determined to make our city schools as good as the best. Encouragement of educational enterprises, will greatly favor the healthy growth of our city.

New Open.

The Morrison hotel is now open to the public, the first guests having been received on Sunday morning. An invitation has been extended to the citizens of Great Bend to call and be shown through the building. The traveling public will find the Morrison one of the best and most commodious houses in the west.

Wedding Bells.

Last night W. G. Brands, of Sioux City, Iowa, and Miss Lucy Diefenbacher were joined in marriage at the home of the bride's parents in this city. Rev. Mr. Enyeart performed the ceremony, the happy couple standing beneath a beautiful arch of evergreens, from which suspended a large horse shoe with a monogram "B D"

on it. Only the most intimate friends of the bride were present, and numerous beautiful presents were bestowed. Mr. Brands is a compositor on the Sioux City Journal, who left with his bride Monday for Sioux City, where he has a home already furnished. Miss Lucy is one of the most estimable young ladies in this city, and a host of friends wish the happy pair every joy on their journey through life.

Her Long Sufferings Ended.

DIED:—At the family residence, in this city, at 9 o'clock p. m., Wednesday, Feb. 22d, 1888, of heart disease, Grace Snyder, aged 16 years, 3 months and 6 days. The funeral occurred this afternoon at 3 o'clock, from the M. E. church.

For many months Grace has suffered greatly from the disease which at last carried her "to her father." She had, indeed, hardly known the pleasure of good health from her infancy, but bore her troubles and her pains with a fortitude beyond her years. Though expected for many a day, her death will be deeply regretted by a large circle of friends, who extend to the bereaved mother and sister their sympathy.

Wheat Prospects.

STATE CENTER, KANS., Feb. 21, 1888.

Editor DEMOCRAT:

Contrary to rumors that wheat had greatly suffered in consequence of the frost, the outlook is, in this vicinity as promising as it has been within late years. On several fields it was found that even the "volunteer" was not damaged by the frost which certainly is a good sign. Some large fields were examined, and in no case was it found that any wheat had been winter-killed.

It is monstrously false to assert that the past winter has been one of unusual rigor. The assertion at least does not apply to this part of the world. If, instead, been an open winter, the days of the "blizzard" having been few. It is a fact that certain farmers not having provided hay and fodder for their cattle have allowed them at random over the fields. Compare the drifts of '85 and '86, with the winter just passed and you will not wonder that but very few deaths have occurred even under the circumstances mentioned above.

Some people have, in part, depended upon the resources of the wheat field for pasturage. Many fields have in this way been trodden down till the looked like a desert. These however are, with the rest, recuperating. Scarcely a field is now met with but what has already assumed the verdure of spring. This is in a great measure due to the voluminous rains we have had of late, as also to the mild weather we have had for sometime past. This has put the ground in such a condition that some commenced plowing two weeks ago.

The ground is now in a tillable condition, the frost being out and the soil is thoroughly wet. However much bespeaks favorably at present yet much depends on the future. The question has been asked, "will their be many chinchbugs this year?" From what observations I have been able to make should say "no," for, though the ground has been open for some time, no chinchbugs have been noticed in the corn-fodder that has been hauled from the fields; while last year about this season the barges in which fodder was hauled were literally alive with these pests. This manifestation should be sufficiently convincing that there will not be as many chinchbugs as there were last year. That many acres of wheat were destroyed by these insects last year cannot be denied, but it is no less true that certain failures ascribed to these pests were due to other causes. It is amusing to notice to what causes people are apt to ascribe a failure of crops. For instance, in Cleveland township, this county, one farmer had no crop of wheat while his neighbor across the road had a fair crop, being asked the probable cause he replied: "Well, you see, this road here is much traveled. It is so dry that the rain-clouds can't get over it." The more rational cause was that the gentleman owned a team of ancient ponies while his neighbor had 3 fine horses.

Another curious fact is noticeable, in connection with last year's drought, and that is, that every husbandman is preparing to sow a large crop of oats. Never before were both wheat and corn so complete a failure with so many as last year. Some farmers in this vicinity who raised a crop of oats found these very convenient. It has therefore struck many to "sow oats." One farmer who has not sown oats for nine years is at work on a large field. It seems as if it requires just such a season as the last one was to rouse the people from their lethargy.

H. C. BENKE.

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